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report giving the following information on Soviet military activity at Neuruppin between 19 July and 9 August 1958: a description of a river-crossing exercise on 19 July involving the use of ferries, pontoons and bridging equipment; a description of two trains on sidings at Altruppin, one on 30 July and one on 5 August, which were loaded with tanks; a listing of the equipment loaded on a train at Neuruppin on 31 July; and a description of flying activity at the Neuruppin airfield during the week of 4 - 9 August and of a parachute drop on 8 August.

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Soviet activity at NEURUPPIN

(19 Jul - 9 Aug 58)

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1. RIVER CROSSING EXERCISES

On 19 Jul 58, between 1330 and 1430 hours, river crossing exercises took place on the MOLCHOW SEE [REDACTED]

2. Two ferries were towed across from the east bank to the west bank. Each ferry carried a T-54. Each ferry was towed by a motor boat. The crossing took roughly 20-25 minutes.

3. Twelve men were engaged in this operation.

4. The ferries were made up as follows:

(a) Two sections each of two metal pontoons.

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(b) The pontoon sections were joined together by the metal road-bearers.

(c) The road surface was of normal wooden planking.

5. On the east bank of the SCHLEUSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] bridging equipment and one [REDACTED] motor boat.

6. RAIL MOVEMENT, ALTRUPPIN

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At 0930 hours on 30 Jul 58, 8 x flats stood at a siding, each loaded with a T-54.

7. At 0830 hours on 5 Aug 58 6 x flats stood at a siding, each flat loaded with a JSU-152.

8. RAIL MOVEMENT, NEURUPPIN

On 31 Jul 58, at 1400 hours, a military transport train was assembled with the following equipment:

(a) 10 x 85 mm. A.A.

(b) 15 x TPM M-1954.

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(d) 3 x fire control radar trailers.

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9. NEURUPPIN AIRFIELD

Every morning of the week 4-9 Aug 58, 2 transport aircraft carried out parachute training.

10. The 'planes flew singly and dropped two parachutes over the airfield at each sortie.

11. Approximately ten sorties were made every morning. The jumps were made from a height of roughly 800 feet.

12. On 8 Aug 58 the 'planes dropped parachutists, again two at a time, into the RUPPINER SEE [REDACTED] The men were seen to swim to the bank after landing.

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